ORDERS, BY-LAWS, and ORDINANCES,

For the good Government and Regulating of the Perſons Licenſed to Keep and Drive HACKNEY-COACHES, *and their Renters and Drivers. Made, Publiſh'd, and Declar'd, by* John Way, Thomas Sutton, More Molyneux, Charles Barnard, *and* John Idle, *Eſqs; Commiſſioners: And Allowed and Approved as by Law is directed,* viz.

Imprimis. I. IT is Ordered, Conſtituted and Ordained, That from and after the Four and Twentieth Day of *June* next enſuing the Day of the Date of theſe Preſents, the Perch of every Coach ſhall be Ten Foot long at the leaſt, and have Croſs Leather Braces before, and not braced down, but hang upon a Level, and not higher behind than before, and be Decent, Clean, Strong, Warm, and Large enough to carry four Perſons at the leaſt; And the Horſes in every Coach ſhall be able and ſufficient for the Buſineſs, when ſuch Coach and Horſes come from Home to Ply, on the Penalty of Ten ſhillings on the Owner of the Licenſe, if the ſame be not rented out; and in Caſe the ſame be rented out, then upon the Renter thereof.

Item II It is Ordered, Conſtituted, and Ordained, That from and after the ſaid Four and Twentieth Day of *June*, when any Owner of an Hackney-Coach-Licenſe, his or her Renter or Driver, ſhall be ſeen or found ſtanding, or plying, or driving, within the Cities of *London* or *Weſtminſter*, or any of the Pariſhes or Places comprized within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, without ſuch Tin Plates ſo coloured, figured, and placed upon the middle of the Door, on each ſide of every ſuch Hackney-Coach as hath been ordered by the Commiſſioners, and is directed in each Licenſe, or with ſuch Tin Plates obliterated or defaced, or not having the Number thereon plainly viſible, he ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds. Provided always, that it ſhall be lawful for every Hackney-Coachman, when he drives a Hackney Mourning-Coach, or Hearſe, to attend a Funeral, to place his figured Plates one on each Standard of the ſaid Coach or Hearſe, before, in a viſible Manner.

Item III. It is Ordered, Conſtituted, and Ordained, That from and after the ſaid Four and Twentieth Day of *June*, no Hackney-Coachman, nor Driver, ſhall ply or ſtand in the *New Palace Yard*, over againſt the Great Gate of *Weſtminſter-Hall*, nor on the Eaſt ſide thereof, nor within Ten Foot of the Corner of *Oliver*'s Coffee-Houſe on the Weſt ſide thereof, or againſt any Part of the *Royal Exchange*, or in the *Guild-hall Yard*, or before the Doors or Gates leading into the Cathedral Church of St. *Paul*'s, or within Three Yards diſtance of the ſaid Doors or Gates, or before the *New Exchange* in the *Strand*; or nearer to St. *James*'s *Palace Gate* than the end of the *Friery* in *Pall Mall*, and the *Thatcht-houſe Tavern* in St. *James*'s *Street*; or in the *Old Palace Yard*, *Weſtminſter*, within Twenty Yards of either of the Doors leading to the Houſe of Lords, or Court of Requeſts, in Time of Parliament; or againſt any of the Gates of either of the *Serjeants Inns*, or Inns of Court; or nearer the End of *Threadneedle-Street* next to *Stocks Market* than the *Globe-Tavern*, except one Coach over the Kennels next the Houſes between *Cornhill* and *Threadneedle-Street*, with the Horſes towards *Cheapſide*; but as ſoon as he hath ſet down his Fare, he is forthwith to drive from before any of the ſaid Places, and wait for his Fare at a convenient Diſtance. And that no Hackney-Coachman, nor Driver, ſhall ſtand and Ply in any Part of the Street between *Biſhopſgate* and *Devonſhire-ſtreet* End, or between *Cragg*'s *Court* by *Charing-Croſs* and the firſt Gate going into *Scotland-Yard*, or in *Little Ruſſel-Street*, *Covent-Garden*, on either ſide of the Way, or in *Bedford-Street* or *Great Ruſſel-Street*, *Covent-Garden*, except in the middle of the ſaid Streets. And that no Hackney-Coachman, nor Driver, ſhall ſtand and Ply in any of the High or Broad Streets of the Cities of *London* or *Weſtminſter*, or Suburbs thereof, being of the Breadth of Thirty Foot between the Poſts on each ſide, or of Thirty Five Foot between the Houſes where there are no Poſts, unleſs it be in the middle of ſuch High or Broad Street or Streets: Nor ſhall ſtand and Ply between *Serjeants Inn*, *Fleetſtreet*, and *Temple-Bar*, on the South ſide of the Street; nor between the *Queen's Head Tavern* and *Temple-Bar* on the North ſide of the Street; And not above ſix at a time between the Eaſt end of St. *Dunſtan*'s *Church* and the *Queen's Head Tavern* on the North ſide, and none before the ſaid Church, nor between St. *Clement*'s *Church Porch* in the *Strand*, on either ſide of the Way, to *Temple-Bar*, but only four Coaches, one of them over the Kennel in the Broadway, with his Horſes Heads towards *Weſtminſter*, and the other three between *Butcher-Row-End* and *Temple-Bar*, on the North ſide of the Way, and at Two Yards diſtance each Coach from the other; And the ſame Diſtance is alſo to be obſerved in all Places where Hackney-Coaches ſhall ſtand, except in *New Palace Yard*, *Weſtminſter*, or where the ſtanding is againſt any dead Wall, on Penalty of Ten Shillings for every ſuch Offence.

Item IV. It is Ordered, Conſtituted, and Ordained, That from an after the ſaid Four and Twentieth Day of *June*, if any Hackney-Coachman, or Driver, ſhall ſtand or ply to be Hired croſs any Street, or common Paſſage, or Alley, or within Eight Foot of the Houſes, Walls, or Shops of any Inhabitant within the ſaid Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and the Weekly Bills of Mortality; or ſhall feed his Horſes in any Street or common Paſſage, ſave only with Oats out of a Bag, or with ſuch Hay as he ſhall hold or deliver with his Hands; or ſhall refuſe to give Way (if he can conveniently) to any Perſon of Quality, or Gentleman's Coach, Chariot or Chaiſe; or ſhall not allow any other Hackney-Coachman, or Driver, quietly to take up or ſet down his Fare, or ſhall back his Coach at *Weſtminſter-Hall-Gate* and ſtop the Paſſage there, or ſhall break the Rank in the *Palace-Yard*, or elſewhere, or ſhall ſtand two on a Breadth on the ſide of each other, except in the *Palace-Yard*, *Weſtminſter*, or *Weſt-Smithfield*, he ſhall forfeit the Sum of Ten Shillings for every ſuch Offence.

Item V. It is Ordered, Conſtituted, and Ordained, That from and after the ſaid Four and Twentieth Day of *June*, every Perſon Licenſed to keep or drive a Hackney-Coach, that ſhall neglect or refuſe, being duly Summoned from time to time, to appear before the ſaid Commiſſioners in Perſon, or by his or her Renter enterd in the Office, with the Driver, upon any Complaint made, without ſome reaſonable Excuſe to be approv'd of by the ſaid Commiſſioners, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Ten Shillings. And if any ſuch Perſon as aforeſaid ſhall neglect or refuſe to appear as aforeſaid, with the Driver, before the ſaid Commiſſioners upon the third Summons, without ſuch reaſonable Excuſe as aforeſaid; it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or the major Part of them, to hear and determin the ſaid Complaint notwithſtanding the Abſence of the Party offending, upon the Oath of one or more credible Witneſſes, and to impoſe upon ſuch Licenſed Perſon, or Renter, the Penalty or Forfeiture due to ſuch Offence. And every Summons ſhall be by Notice in Writing deliver'd to the Owner of the Licenſe, or his or her Renter in Perſon, or left at the Place of Abode of ſuch Owner or Renter, as enter'd in the Office. And if any ſuch Licenſed Perſon, as aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe or neglect from time to time to give an Account of the Place of Abode of him or herſelf, and his or her Renter (if any) within Fourteen Days after Removal or Change of a Renter, or ſhall give wrong Information of the ſame; it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or the major Part of them, to revoke the Licenſe of ſuch Coachman, and to Licenſe another Coachman in his Stead.

Item VI. It is Ordered, Conſtituted, and Ordained, That from and after the ſaid Four and Twentieth Day of *June*, no Perſon whatſoever, beſides the proper Driver, ſhall ride or be carried in the Coach or Box, or any where about the Coach, by the Driver's Permiſſion, when the Coach is hired, without the Conſent, or longer than the Conſent, of the Perſon or Perſons hiring the ſaid Coach; Nor ſhall any Perſon drive the ſaid Coach beſides the proper Driver that came out firſt with that Coach that Day, without reaſonable Cauſe to be allowed by the Commiſſioners: Nor ſhall the Driver be at any time abſent from his Coach, without a reaſonable Cauſe to be allowed by the Commiſſioners, on the Penalty of Ten Shillings for every Offence.

Item VII. It is Ordered, Conſtituted, and Ordained, that from and after the ſaid Four and Twentieth Day of *June*, when the Driver of any Licenſed Hackney-Coach, or any Perſon on his behalf, with his Knowledge and Conſent, ſhall agree beforehand with the Perſon or Perſons hiring him to take for any Job any leſſer Sum than the Rate by Law allow'd, he ſhall not demand or exact more than the Sum agreed for, on Penalty of ſuch Sum as the Commiſſioners, or the major Part of them, upon hearing the Complaint thereof, ſhall think fit, not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Item VIII. It is Ordered, Conſtituted, and Ordained, That from and after the ſaid Four and Twentieth Day of *June*, no Driver or Owner of a Hackney-Coach ſhall refuſe, oppoſe or hinder any Perſon (having reaſonable Cauſe ſo to do) from taking the Number of his Coach, or ſhall by Word of Mouth give a wrong Number, on Penalty of ſuch Sum as the Commiſſioners, or the major Part of them, upon hearing the Complaint thereof, ſhall think fit, not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Item IX. It is Ordered, Conſtituted, and Ordained, That from and after the ſaid Four and Twentieth Day of *June*, If any Owner, or Driver of a Licenſed Hackney-Coach ſhall Inſult, aſſault, or oppoſe any of the Officers of the Commiſſioners, either in making Diſtreſſes, or apprehending Perſons convicted, or otherwiſe acting in Diſcharge of their reſpective Offices, or ſhall give abuſive Language, or other rude Behaviour, to any Perſon, in coming to, attending on, or going from the ſaid Commiſſioners, he ſhall forfeit a Sum at the Diſcretion of the Commiſſioners, not exceeding Ten Shillings.

Item X. It is Ordered, Conſtituted, and Ordained, That from and after the ſaid Four and Twentieth Day of *June*, in all Caſes wherein the Commiſſioners, or the major Part of them, ſhall revoke any Licenſe, they ſhall forthwith cauſe Notice thereof to be given to the Owner of ſuch Licenſe, or left in Writing, ſign'd by the Commiſſioners, or the major Part of them, at his or her Houſe or place of Abode; And in Caſe they know not where to find ſuch Owner, then Notice thereof in Writing, ſign'd by the Commiſſioners, or the major Part of them, delivered to the Renter (entered in the Office) in Perſon, or left at his or her Place of Abode, in caſe there be any Renter entred in the Office: but if there be no Renter entred in the Office, then Notice of ſuch Revocation in Writing, ſign'd as aforeſaid, and paſted up in ſome publick Place of the Office, ſhall be good and ſufficient Notice of ſuch Revocation to all Intents and Purpoſes.

Item XI. It is Ordered, Conſtituted, and Ordained, That from and after the ſaid Four and Twentieth Day of *June*, That whereas Hackney-Coachmen are by the Laws oblig'd to go out of the Pariſhes and Places comprized within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, any where within Ten Miles of the ſame; every Hackney-Coachman, or Driver, hired in the Streets ſo to go out of the Bills of Mortality, within Ten Miles of the ſame, ſhall be liable to the ſame Penalties and Forfeitures for Offences done and committed out of the Bills of Mortality, within Ten Miles of the ſame, as if the ſame Offences were done and committed within the Bills of Mortality; and the ſame Matters and Things ſhall be equally adjudged Offences in both Places.

Item XII. It is Ordered, Conſtituted, and Ordained, That from and after the ſaid Four and Twentieth Day of *June*, no Perſon ſhall Let his or her Hackney-Coach-Licenſe, or the Benefit thereof, for leſs than Fourteen Days, on Penalty of ſuch Sum of Money as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall think fit, not exceeding Forty Shillings, and ſuch Letting ſhall be wholly void to all Intents and Purpoſes.

Item XIII. It is Ordered, Conſtituted, and Ordained, That from and after the ſaid Four and Twentieth Day of *June*, no Licenſed Perſon, or Renter, ſhall uſe or have any more than two Tin Plates of the Number of one Licenſe, which ſhall conſtantly go along with the Licenſe to every Perſon working under it. And in caſe of ſuch Tin Plates being loſt or worn out, no Perſon ſhall preſume to chalk, or any other way to mark the Number on his or her Coach, without Leave in Writing firſt had from ſome or one of the Commiſſioners, or their Houſekeeper, whom they hereby authorize for that Purpoſe; which Leave ſhall expreſs for how long Time the ſame is given. And if after ſuch Time is expired, any Perſon ſhall continue to Work with ſuch chalk'd or otherwiſe mark'd Number, without the proper Plates directed in the Licenſe, or ſhall have more than two Tin Plates of the ſame Number at the ſame Time, or ſhall have any Tin Plate of a Number belonging to another Licenſe, ſuch Perſon ſhall forfeit Five Pounds.

Item XIV. It is Ordered, Conſtituted, and Ordained, That from and after the ſaid Four and Twentieth Day of *June*, all the Forfeitures and Penalties above-mentioned that ſhall be incurred by the Drivers, ſhall be paid by and levy'd upon the Renter, in caſe he be duly enter'd in the Office; or otherwiſe upon the Perſon Licenſed, unleſs ſuch Driver ſhall pay the ſame, or ſhall be by the Renter or Licenſed Perſon produced to be apprehended by the Proceſs of the Commiſſioners: And that whenever any Driver that is under the Age of Fifteen Years ſhall be Guilty of Exaction, Refuſal or Misbehaviour, the Renter, in caſe he be duly enter'd in the Office, or otherwiſe the Licenſed Perſon, ſhall be liable to pay the Forfeiture or Penalty for ſuch Exaction, Refuſal or Misbehaviour.

Item XV. That whereas ſeveral Perſons that do not follow the Employment of Hackney-Coachmen, Rent Licenſes of the proper Owners thereof at moderate Rates, in order to advance the Rents and Let them out at higher Rates to others that carry on the Buſineſs, which Practice is complained of as a Grievance and an Oppreſſion to the poor Coachmen, and their Families, by whoſe Labour the Calling is preſerved; In order therefore to prevent ſuch Oppreſſion, it is Ordered, Conſtituted, and Ordained, That from and after the ſaid Four and Twentieth Day of *June*, no Perſon whatſoever, except a Licenſed Perſon, or ſome Perſon employ'd for him or her, as his or her Agent, ſhall Let out any Coach-Licenſe for any Time whatſoever; nor ſhall ſuch Agent Let the ſame in his own Name, nor for more than the Rent payable to the Licenſed Perſon, under the Penalty of any Sum as the ſaid Commiſſioners, or the major Part of them, ſhall think fit, not exceeding the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence for every Day that the ſame ſhall be ſo Let, on the Owner of the Licenſe or Renter offending herein.

We Allow and Approve of the ORDERS, BY-LAWS, *and* ORDINANCES *above-written,*

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